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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on larger sizes, but steady to fully steady on mediums. Retail demand ranged light to good, usually light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available on the heavier weights while mediums were closely balanced to tight for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to tight for a good to very good demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady for the larger sizes and steady to fully steady for the lighter weight eggs. Retail demand ranged from light to instances fairly good, usually light to moderate. Loose egg demand light. Supplies adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced to instances tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to slightly more available for the good to very good demand. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid	d to
EXTRA LARGE	144-153	147-150	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	143-152	145-148	LARGE	125-134	129
MEDIUM	128-137	130-133	MEDIUM	114-118	116
WEDIOW	120 101	100 100	SMALL	63-69	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY. and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady on heavier weight eggs, fully steady on mediums. Demand into all channels ranged fair to good. Supplies reported as usually sufficient to short for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings barely adequate for mostly normal to reduced processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were no better than adequate for an at least moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

an at least moderate demand.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-167	153-156
LARGE	145-159	150-154
MEDIUM	129-142	134-136
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA,	MD, ME, NH,	Eastern NJ,

Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady for the larger sizes and steady to fully steady for mediums. Retail demand light to at times fairly good, usually moderate. Food service movement light. Supplies adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced to instances tight for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices higher. Offerings tight to slightly more available for the good to very good demand. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
LARGE	152.5-161	154-157
MEDIUM	134.5-143	136-139
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,	KS,LA,MO,NM,OK	, and TX

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices unchanged. However, asking prices for next week's deliveries trending higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone steady to at times barely steady on larger sizes, but steady to fully steady on lighter weights. Demand into all channels light to moderate. Supplies generally sufficient on the heavier eggs while mediums were noted as close to tight. Eastern region breaking stock offerings barely adequate for the fairly good demand. Processing schedules reduced to mostly normal. Light type hens sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	142.25-162	156-159
LARGE	139.25-160	154-157
MEDIUM	122.25-140	133-137
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, S	C, Eastern TN, and	Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was mixed, ranging fair to good with mediums in the better position. Supplies were in close balance to occasionally short on mediums and generally adequate on larger sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	159-163
LARGE	157-161
MEDIUM	144-148

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-159	152-154
LARGE	149-157	150-152
MEDIUM	134-142	135-137

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices unchanged with asking prices for next week also at unchanged levels. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were usually adequate and confidently held with demand moderate to fairly good, mostly moderate.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week also unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady. Offerings were adequate and held with some degree of confidence. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Small benchmark price \$1.53. Prices to retailers were slightly higher when compared to last Friday's reported prices.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	193
EXTRA LARGE	196
LARGE	190
MEDIUM	173

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE

DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	177-191
EXTRA LARGE	179-184
LARGE	177-180
MEDIUM	160-163

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> All prices were higher. Offerings were tight to slightly more available with demand good to very good. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	101-108	103-104
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	85-92	85-87
ENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL IN	, KS, LA, MI,	MN, MO, NM, ND,
NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were higher when compared to early week trading. The undertone was steadier. Demand was still fairly good, but slowed just a tad. Supplies were irregular, but usually barely adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal to mostly normal. Total cases broken under federal inspection from January through the week ending 24-Nov-2007 were 1% less than a year ago. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week of 24-Nov-2007 were 9% less than the previous week, but 1% more than a year earlier.

BREAKING STOCK 100-104 TFEWR CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 84-92 85-88 EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-Nov-2007 (lbs. in thousands		usands)	(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Product	ion Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,120,760	30,537	8,677	4,927	2,004	3,798
PW	1,216,347	30,987	10,660	5,582	2,155	4,189
LY	1,167,822	30,759	9,830	5,235	1,947	3,813
% PW	-8%	-1%	-19%	-12%	-7%	-9
% LY	-4%	-1%	-12%	-6%	3%	0%
2007	59,758,081	1,495,099	542,471	291,017	116,923	203,192
2006	60,659,662	1,504,240	558,303	295,379	128,090	203,920
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-3%	-1%	-9%	0%
				CV	V PW	LY
Average	Yield Per Ca	ise - (Inedik	ole Include	ed) 42.7	7 42.27	42.50

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;

may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

•	Cases Broken		Liqu	ıid Whole
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	604,787	54.0%	17,757	58.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	592,076	48.7%	17,187	55.5%
LAST YEAR	627,350	56.0%	17,753	58.1%

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.38 38.83 39.24

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk and steady to instances fully steady for whites. Offerings were tight to adequate for whole egg, tight to short of needs for yolk and whites. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and yolk and moderate to fairly good for whites. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

1 of delivery within 14 days.					
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW	
WHOLE	42	88-100	94.48	.88	
WHITES	13	48-55	53.31	19	
YOLKS	5	118-120	118.80		

FROZEN

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Sugared yolk ranged 1 to 5 cents higher with salted yolk up 1 to 7 cents. Trade sentiment was steady for whites with the balance of frozen products firm. Offerings were balanced to adequate for whites with the remainder of products tight to barely adequate and generally made to order. Demand was good for whites and good to very good on the balance. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	103-109	
WHITES	74-79	78
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	128-139	132-139
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	123-132	125-132

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whites and sugar yolks, and higher on whole and salt yolks this week when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good, for the available offerings. Overall, floor stocks were limited on yolks, barely adequate on whole, and usually sufficient on whites. Breaking schedules were less than normal-to-normal. Undertone was fully steady to firm. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Nov-2007 were 7% less than the previous week and 2% lower than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

			LTL
	TRUCKLOTS	•	N. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	104-109	105-109	109-113
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	73-79	74-79	79-88
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS	S) 128-139	130-132	134-140
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS	5) 123-132	124-129	128-137
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener,	generally 28-32	2% egg solids	5.

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u> Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices were higher with whites unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fairly good to instances sluggish. Trade sentiment was steady for whites and fully steady to firm on the balance.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LIL
	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	110-114
WHITES	81-84
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	134-137
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	129-132

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on albumen, but sharply higher on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was good, but new sales were only fair as offerings were often short of trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Nov-2007 were 7% less than the previous week, but 3% more than a year ago. The total production year to date, of dried eggs processed was 9% less than last year.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	4.00-4.40	MOSTLY	4.10-4.35
YOLKS	2.95-3.49	MOSTLY	3.05-3.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.05-5.30	MOSTLY	5.05-5.15
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	2.75-3.15	MOSTLY	2.85-2.97

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 23, 2007-NOV 29, 2007 CURRENT LOADS 73.75 FUTURE LOADS 45.00 TOTAL LOADS 118.75

		SE	ı	NE	N	ΙW		1		sc	1	NW	S	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	129.25	141.78	130.63	132.90		135.00	36.00	GNR W 1		140.29					11.00
GNR BR 1		141.00					2.00	GL W J					134.00	136.70	5.25
GL W J					120.94		4.25	GL W XL	130.30	146.50				142.82	6.50
GL W XL	129.25	139.02	141.25	143.60	131.62	137.00	22.50	GL W LG	127.50	145.75		141.67		137.06	18.75
GL W LG		142.80	136.50	138.25	126.38	145.00	42.50	GL W MD		135.00				137.36	19.00
GL W MD	126.00	128.60	125.13	126.29	123.33	106.00	31.25	GL BR XL			138.75			145.40	1.25
GL W SM	78.00	81.00	77.50	80.00	75.00	77.50	5.25	GL BR LG		149.00				146.00	2.25
GL BR XL		156.33	147.50				1.50	NRBS - 50	109.00	110.00					3.00
GL BR LG		156.00	147.50				3.75	NRBS - 48	102.00	105.00					4.00
NRBS - 48					106.33	103.57	15.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,
WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the no better than adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-12 5-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Salvage costs were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were up slightly. Offerings remained barely adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST

Remover Prices were up slightly. Offerings remained times good demand. Trade RANGE MAJORITY

0-10.5

0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	154.50	152.00	135.00
SOUTHEAST	157.50	155.50	135.00
MIDWEST	148.50	146.50	131.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	157.50	155.50	137.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	154.59	152.49	134.87

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

23-30 MAJORITY 27-28

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-32.5 MAJORITY 30-31
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-NOV-07 U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

		THOUSANDS	
Head	575	978	1,553
Last Week	1,274	1,562	2,836
Same week yr ago	560	921	1,481
To-date/2007	51,434	68,796	120,230
To-date/2006	50,451	69,818	120,269
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U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

	—— I HOUSANDS——	
263	0	263
338	0	338
185	4	189
12,193	36	12,229
7,108	53	7,161
	338 185 12,193	263 0 338 0 185 4 12,193 36

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	838	978	1,816
Last Week	1,612	1,562	3,174
Same week yr a	ago 745	925	1,670
To-date/2007	63,627	68,832	132,459
To-date/2006	57,559	69,871	127,430

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch Washington, DC

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)						
Week Ending	g November	17, 2007	Year-To-	Date		
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006		
Liquid	0	251	3,277	10,831		
Frozen	0	0	71	172		
Dried	48	100	753	700		
Total	48	351	4,101	11,703		
U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)						
Week Fading Newspaper 47,0007						

Week Ending November 17, 2007 Year-To-Date Type 2007 2006 /1 2007 /2 2006 282 282 Liquid 14,269 4,601 Frozen 12 4 294 903 Dried 0 0 857 66 Total 294 286 15,420 5,570

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Endin	ig Novembe	Year-	· I o-Date	
	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Ex Large	762	1,560	55,215	81,171
Large	3,900	4,070	91,572	157,720
Medium	1,500	2,025	59,009	80,391
Ungraded	12,922	5,760	197,668	218,498
Misc	0	0	7,849	6,975
Total	19,084	13,415	411,313	544,905

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. /2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis

<u>WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers</u> (Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 11/26/07	3,122	35,762	88,100
AM 11/01/07	3,178	76,105	81,947
CHG	-56	-40343	6153
PCT CHG	-2%	-53%	8%

COMMERCIAL EGO	G MOVEMENT (Re	ceipts From Pr	oducers)	
W/E 24-NOV-2007	Cases	% Chang	ge From	
REGIONS	(in Thousands)	LW	LY	
North Atlantic	180.9	3	-1	
East North Central	639.9	-4	2	
West North Central	283.4	-6	2	
South Atlantic	194.7	3	-4	
South Central	57.5	-11	-13	
West	195.0	0	1	
Total	1551.4	-3	0	
Matched plants repo	81	81		
North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE) East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD) South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)				

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

W/E 24-NOV-200)7			
Selected Consu	ming CW	LW	%	CHANGE
Centers	(Cases in Th	ousands)	LW	LY
Atlanta	32.7	34.6	-5	-10
Boston	3.1	3.3	-6	-3
Chicago	91.6	82.1	12	11
Detroit	13.5	12.2	11	9
Los Angeles	90.3	109.1	-17	-13
New Orleans	6.4	6.0	7	10
New York	27.7	32.1	-14	2
St. Louis	15.5	14.9	4	0
San Francisco	14.5	14.5	0	-26
Total	295.3	308.8	-4	-4
4 Week Moving A	vg. 291.4			

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Nov 27, 2007				
Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.				
	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	196	192	153	102
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	189-193	185-189	146-150	95-99
MOSTLY		187-188		97-98
RHODE ISLAND	193-196	189-192	150-153	99-102
MOSTLY	193	189	150	99
VERMONT	196	192	153	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-